

**REMARKS**

A petition to extend the time for response by one (1) month is enclosed herewith.

The specification has been amended. Claim 7 has been amended. A new dependent claim 13 depending from claim 7 has been added. Claims 7 – 13 are currently pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, a drawing is required to be furnished. Furthermore, in the Office Action, the specification has been objected to. Also, in the Office Action, claims 7-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dinh US Patent No. 5,343,632. Additionally, in the Office Action, claims 7-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Okamoto et al JP53-36067.

With respect to the requirement that a drawing be submitted, it is noted that Figure 1 has been added and a description of Figure 1 has been added to the specification concerning an arrangement for executing the method of the present invention in connection with the operation of a household appliance in the form of a dishwasher. Thus, it is respectfully requested that Figure 1 and the description thereof be entered in the record.

The specification has been amended to provide headings.

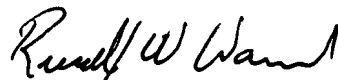
With respect to the rejection of claims 7 – 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) , it is respectfully submitted that claims 7 - 12 patentably define over the prior art of record. For example, Dinh US Patent No. 5,343,632 does not teach or disclose the method for operating a household appliance recited in claim 7 of the present application as currently amended. Specifically, Dinh US Patent No. 5,343,632 does not relate to a household appliance but, instead, relates to an industrial drying system. In view of the non-analogous nature of Dinh US Patent No. 5,343,632, it is therefore submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would not refer to Dinh US Patent No. 5,343,632 for a solution for a household appliance.

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It is also respectfully submitted that Okamoto et al JP53-36067 does not teach or disclose the method for operating a household appliance recited in claim 7 of the present application as currently amended. Instead, Okamoto et al JP53-36067 appears to introduce outside air via an inlet 15 and thus this prior art arrangement is does not disclose a method such as recited in claim 7 of the present application as currently amended in which no outside air is introduced into the treatment chamber and the conduit system.

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 7 - 13 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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